

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Replace the paragraph on page 20, between lines 25-32 of the specification with the following:

In a preferred embodiment of said magnetic composition the two or more magnetic particles are coated with a shell material that is does not quickly dissolve or degrade and are agglomerated and kept together with a bond that can be physically, chemically and/or biologically broken to a second state of reduced agglomeration.

The advantage of this embodiment this that the shell ~~one~~of the magnetic particles prevents the particles from re-agglomerating or clumping after the bond is broken. Preferably, the diameter of the coated magnetic particle including the shell is at least two times the diameter of the magnetic particle.